

## REMARKS

### Summary of Office Action

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of claims 26, 27, 32, 37 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Penska et al., EP 0 938 890 or U.S. Patent No. 5,851,544 (hereafter "PENSKA").

Claims 18-20, 25, 27-33, 35 and 36 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Beutler et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,808,388 (hereafter "BEUTLER").

Claims 21-23 and 34 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over BEUTLER.

Claims 18-24, 28-31, 34, 36-39 and 44 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Bellon et al., FR 2,789,397 (hereafter "BELLON").

Claims 25-27, 32, 33, 40, 41 and 45 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over BELLON and further in view of Snyder, U.S. Patent No. 4,708,813 (hereafter "SNYDER").

Claim 35 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over BELLON in view of Saint-Leger et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,939,077 (hereafter "SAINT-LEGER").

Claims 18-20, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 33-36 and 44 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by PENSKA.

Claims 21-23, 29 and 38-41 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over PENSKA.